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Compliance and Enforcement Response Policy MP-005-R1\_NPD  
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Re: MP-005-R1\_NPD; Compliance and Enforcement Response Policy

Valley Watch writes this as our comments on the new IDEM Compliance and Enforcement Response Policy Document MP-005-R1\_NPD. Valley Watch is an Indiana not for profit corporation located in Evansville whose purpose is to "protect the public health and environment of the lower Ohio River Valley.

We essentially write in support and fully endorse the comments made separately today by the Indianapolis group, Improving Kids Environment or IKE. We trust, IDEM will place our comments into the record of this rule making. We have attached IKE's comments to this letter as part of our fax transmission.

Beyond the comments made by IKE, however, we wish to strongly object to the arrogant manner in which the new enforcement policy was drawn. It appears to us that IDEM is seeking to abandon its statutory mission and instead seeks only to protect the interests of polluters in Indiana by shielding them from nearly any enforcement action that would normally accrue for violations of state law.

This is an extremely short sighted way of doing things. Not only will Indiana's environment and consequently its collective public health be worsened, but in the end, our economic prospects will be reduced as good companies look elsewhere to build clean facilities because they will not want their key personnel subjected to the enormous levels of pollution we seem to take for granted in this state.

Hopefully, before it is too late, Hoosiers of all walks of life will demand a change in that direction and serious elimination of the pollution that is causing so many of us to be sick. IDEM should be leading the way, but the new compliance and enforcement policy shows we have a very long way to go.

Sincerely,

John Blair, president.